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SUBJECT: CALLS AT MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN PORTS BY US FLAG VESSELS

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1. UNLESS MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOT DESTINED FOR MOROCCO IS UNBOXED OR OTHERWISE READILY VISIBLE TO CUSTOMS INSPECTORS, IT UNLIKELY THAT GOM WOULD BECOME AWARE OF ITS PRESENCE ABOARD US FLAG VESSLES SINCE MANIFESTS GENERALLY DESCRIBE GOODS OTHER THAN EXPLOSIVES (WHICH MUST BE DECLARED TO PORT AUTHORITIES) AS "GENERAL CARGO". PRESENT SITUATION IS HOWEVER TOUCHY AND WE RECALL RECENT SPANISH PROTESTS AT CADIZ CALLS BY US SHIPS CARRYING TANKS DESTINED FOR MOROCCO.

2. WHILE WE WOULD NOT ENVISAGE SITUATION ARISING IN WHICH GOM WOULD DETAIN US SHIP IN MOROCCAN PORT, THIS CONTINGENCY CANNOT BE ENTIRELY DISMISSED. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, SUCH DEVELOPMENT MORE LIKELY AT ALGERIAN END. EITHER WAY SUCH EVENT WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE US POSITION IN REGION, NOT TO MENTION UNPLEASANTNESS FOR LYKES OR OTHER US FLAG LINE. BELIEVE LYKES SHOULD EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY FOR SHIPPING MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN ARMS ON ALTERNATE SHIPS OR OTHERWISE

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REVISING LOGISTICS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION POSSIBILITY.

3. AFTER CONSIDERATION, QUESTION WAS NOT RPT NOT RAISED WITH
GOM. ABOVE VIEWS REFLECT COUNTRY TEAM CONSENSUS.
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